Inclusion of drugs under DPCO 1987

665. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 771 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the provisions in the measures announced in 1986 regarding inclusion of drugs under price control which have not been incorporated in DPCO, 1987;

(b) what are the names of drugs which have not been included so far under price control as per measures announced in 1986 and what are the reasons for non-implementation;

(c) what are the details of recommendations of Kelkar Committee which have not been accepted by Government;

(d) what are the details of provisions which have not been processed even Government have taken their own decisions; and

(e) what are the provisions in the measures that have not been implemented by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a), (b) and (e) Almost all the provisions in the measures on pricing have been incorporated in DPCO, 1987. The measures announced in 1986 did not contain any list of drugs for price control. Some aspects relating to Category-I drugs on which representations have been received are being considered in the on-going review of the Drug Policy.

(c) and (d) All the major recommendations of Kelkar Committee have been accepted by the then Government. However, Government took its independent views to include Vit. A and Vit. C under price control and exempt small scale sector units from price control in respect of Category II formulations.

Exclusion of sulphamoxole from price control

666. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI NARAYAN KAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 759 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken any steps to investigate the exclusion of Sulphamoxole from price control and enabling the company to overcharge crores of Rupees after DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Sulphamoxole was included in price control;

(c) if so, when and on what basis;

(d) what are the details of examination revealed over a year and what action was finaly taken on the various omissions and commissions; and

(e) what are the reasons for non-reduction of prices of finished medicines based on the reduced price of drug and what steps have been taken in this regard to give benefit to poor people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Exclusion and inclusion of bulk drugs from price control under DPCO, 1987 was made on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee. Sulphamoxole came under price control w.e.f. 11.10.1989.

(d) The price of Sulphamoxole was fixed on the basis of the recommendations of the BICP in their cost-cum-technical report and its scrutiny and examination in this Department.

(e) After the revised prices of Bulk Drug Sulphamoxole was notified in the Gazette on 3rd June, 1991 this Department wrote to BICP to revise the prices of the finished medicines on 6.6.1991. The recommendations of BICP in this regard are awaited.